UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO: Mr. C. Sullivan

JUNE

FROM: Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

DATE: July 7, 1964

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Millen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
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1 - Mr. Phillips
1 - Mr. Rosack

By letter dated 6/30/64 the Atlanta Office requested authority to install 3 additional technical surveillances (tesurs) on the facilities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), 330 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, for the purpose of providing additional coverage of the SCLC and its leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. If approved, Atlanta desires to utilize SA [redacted] of the Miami Office to install these surveillances. Atlanta also requested 2 recorders for use in conjunction with these installations.

On 10/21/63 the Attorney General approved installation of tesurs on the SCLC at its current address or at any future address to which it may move. There are currently 4 tesurs in operation on the SCLC which were installed 11/8/63. With the addition of the 3 additional surveillances there would be in operation a total of 7 tesurs. The 3 additional surveillances are desirable to provide coverage of additional telephone service recently secured by the SCLC.

The SCLC and Martin Luther King, Jr., are subjects of intensified Bureau investigations inasmuch as it has been determined that communists and communist sympathizers exert a great deal of influence over this organization. The 4 surveillances already in operation have provided extremely valuable information regarding the activities of the SCLC and King, much of which is not available through any other source. The surveillances have been most valuable in uncovering the extensive communist infiltration and domination of both King and the SCLC.

Atlanta desires to utilize SA [redacted] to install these additional surveillances, if approved, since the Agent trained for this purpose in the Atlanta Office is known to King as well as other employees of the SCLC and full security can be assured only through having an Agent unknown in the Atlanta area handle the installation. SA [redacted] has handled matters of this type in the past.

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